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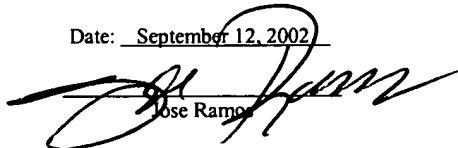
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Pierre Zakarauskas  
Application No. : 09/375,309  
Filing Date : August 16, 1999  
Title : **METHOD FOR ENHANCEMENT OF ACOUSTIC SIGNAL IN NOISE**  
Group/Art Unit : 2641  
Examiner : Angela A. Armstrong  
Reference No. : 0007866-0004

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner:

This is an amendment and response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 14, 2002 (paper # 11) in the present application. Please make the following amendments in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended Once) A method for enhancing acoustic signal buried in noise within a digitized acoustic input signal, including:
  - (a) transforming the digitized acoustic input signal to a time-frequency representation;